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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJ: RICE CRISIS - DAILY UPDATE

REF: PHNOM PENH 6674

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN
PHNOM PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 11.

	7/1	7/2	7/3	7/4	7/5	#& 7/6
BEGINNING STOCK	9241.4	9241.4	9329.1	8667.1	8076.1	7526.1
ROUTE 4	----	1033	----	----	----	----
ROUTE 5	----	----	----	----	----	----
MEKONG	----	----	----	----	6028	
TOTAL AVAILABLE	9241.4	10274.4	9329.1	8667.1	8076.1	13554.1
LESS DISTRIBUTION	----	938.9	661.9	589.7	550	550
BALANCE	----	9335.5	8667.2	8077.4	7526.1	13004.1
LESS ADJUSTMENT	----	6.4	.1	1.3		

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FULL BALANCE ---- 9329.1 8667.1 8076.1

	7/7	7/8	7/9	7/10	7/11
BEGINNING STOCK	13004.1	12454.1	11904.1	11354.1	10804.1
ROUTE 4	----	----	----	----	----
ROUTE 5	----	----	----	----	----
MEKONG	----	----	----	----	----
TOTAL AVAILABLE	13004.1	12454.1	11904.1	11354.1	10804.1
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550	550	550
BALANCE	12454.1	11904.1	11354.1	10804.1	10254.1 - 18.64
DAYS					
LESS ADJUSTMENT					
FULL BALANCE					

- 1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 4 IS CLOSED: 10254.1 AT 550 - 18.64 DAYS
- 2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 4226.1 AT 550 - 7.68 DAYS
- 3) IN THE EVENT BOTH ROUTE 4 AND THE
MEKONG ARE CLOSED: FS 4226.1 AT 550 - 7.68 DAYS
- 4) IN THE EVENT BOTH ROUTE 4 AND THE
MEKONG ARE CLOSED: 2576.1 AT 700 - 3.68 DAYS

ROUTE 4 - ON JULY 4, THE KI ATTACKED ROUTE 4 AND NOW CONTROL A 4-5 KILOMETER STRETCH OF ROAD TEN MILES EAST OF KOMPONG SPEU. FANK LAUNCHED A COUNTER OPERATION TO OPEN THE ROAD AND DAO BELIEVES THE ROAD WILL BE RE-OPENED FOR CONVOY TRAFFIC WITHIN A WEEK. THE RICE CONVOY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH FROM KOMPONG SOM ON JULY 5 WITH 1,100 M/T WILL NOW BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE ROAD IS CLEAR.

2. ROUTE 5 - FANK OPENED ROUTE 5 ON JULY 3. ON JULY 5 A CONVOY DEPARTED BATTAMBANG FOR PHNOM PENH WITH AN ESTIMATED 500 M/T OF RICE AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 6. MR. KHUON CHHUP, PRESIDENT-DIRECTOR OF SORAPA, IS NOW NEGOTIATING WITH THE RAIL

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ROAD AND PRIVATE TRANSPORT COMPANIES TO SECURE MORE TRANSPORTATION TO CARRY RICE BY RAILROAD FROM BATTAMBANG TO PURSAT. FROM PURSAT IT IS PLANNED THAT THE RICE WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO PHNOM PENH BY TRUCK CONVOY. THIS SHOULD INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF RICE THAT CAN BE MOVED FROM BATTAMBANG TO PHNOM PENH. THE NEGOTIATIONS APPEAR TO BE FAVORABLE AND MR. KHUON CHHUP ESTIMATES THAT HE WILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF TRANSPORTING AN AVERAGE OF 1,000 M/T PER CONVOY.
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3. GKR - RICE AIRLIFT - THE DAILY AIRLIFT FROM BATTAMBANG TO KOMPONG THOM IS RUNNING SMOOTHLY. ON JULY 4, THE AIRLIFT TO SVAY RIENG COMMENCED FROM PHNOM PENH WITH 2 DC-3'S; EACH MAKING FOUR SORTIES AND THE EIGHT FLIGHTS CARRYING A TOTAL OF 24 M/T. ON JULY 5, AN AIRLIFT TO KOMPONG CHAM IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FROM PHNOM PENH WITH ONE DC-4 MAKING ONE SORTIE PER DAY CARRYING 5 M/T. THE GKR AIRLIFT OPERATION IS SHOWING STRAINS BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT. (I.E. TWO DC-3'S WERE GROUNDED JULY 4 FOR REPAIRS.) IN LINE WITH STATE 130817 WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO

THE GKR THAT PLANNING BE UNDERTAKEN FOR CONTRACTING WITH A FOREIGN CARRIR OF THEIR COHOICE AT THEIR EXPENSE TO SUPPLEMENT THE DOMESTIC FLEET OF CARGO PLANES.

4. RICE DISTRIBUTION - RICE DISTRIBUTION INPHNOM PENH CONTINES TO EXCEED 500 M/T FOR EACH DAY OF DISTRIBUTION; HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO RELEASES OF RICE ON SUNDAYS. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE AVERAGE RATE OF DISTRIBUTION PER DAY SINCE JUNE 20 HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY 552 M/T PER DAY.

5. MEKONG CONVOY - ALL THE VESSELS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE CONVOY ARE NOW AT TAN CHAU AND SHOULD ARRIVE IN PHNOM PENH ON JULY 6 AS EXPECTED.

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